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Applicant's or agent's file reference D 1313 PCT	
International application No. PCT/EP00/06345	International filing date (day/month/year) 05 July 2000 (05.07.00)

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05 January 2001 (05.01.01)

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(54) Title: DETECTION OF VON-WILLEBRAND FACTOR (vWF) ACTIVITY

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method for detecting von-Willebrand factor (vWF) activity comprising assaying a sample in the presence of a soluble form or portion of glycoprotein Ib(α) (GPIb(α) and ristocetin, or a functionally equivalent substance. Additionally, the invention relates to the use of the aforementioned soluble form or portion of glycoprotein Ib(α), of ristocetin or a functional equivalent substance, of specifically reacting anti-GPIb(α) antibody(ies) and/or of specific binding partners, like specifically reacting anti-vWF antibody(ies) for carrying out the method of the invention. Furthermore, the present invention relates to kits for carrying out the method of the invention.

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**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**  
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**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 G01N C07K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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US 5231033 A	27-07-1993	DE 4016885 A AT 135109 T AU 655415 B AU 7621591 A CA 2043214 A DE 59107497 D EP 0458330 A ES 2085926 T JP 3018588 B JP 4231871 A	28-11-1991 15-03-1996 22-12-1994 28-11-1991 26-11-1991 11-04-1996 27-11-1991 16-06-1996 13-03-2000 20-08-1992

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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant [ROCHE DIAGNOSTICS GMBH et al.] K.U. LEUVEN		
<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of sheets.</p>		
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report</li> <li>II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority</li> <li>III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</li> <li>IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention</li> <li>V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</li> <li>VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited</li> <li>VII <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application</li> <li>VIII <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application</li> </ul>		
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# INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/EP00/06345

## I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

### Description, pages:

1-28 as originally filed

### Claims, No.:

1-30 as originally filed

### Drawings, sheets:

1/9-9/9 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:

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☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

*(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)*

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

## V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

### 1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	4,6,12,14,18,19,28,29
	No:	Claims	1-3,5,7-11,13,15-17,20-22,24-27,30
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	23
	No:	Claims	1-22,24-30
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-30
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations  
**see separate sheet**

## VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:  
**see separate sheet**

## VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:  
**see separate sheet**

The following documents (D) are referred to in this report; the numbering will be adhered to the rest of the procedure:

- D1: VANHOORELBEKE KAREN ET AL: 'A reliable and reproducible ELISA method to measure ristocetin cofactor activity of von Willebrand factor.' THROMBOSIS AND HAEMOSTASIS, vol. 83, no. 1, January 2000 (2000-01), pages 107-113, XP000974940 ISSN: 0340-6245
- D2: WO 92 16225 A (BRIGHAM & WOMENS HOSPITAL) 1 October 1992 (1992-10-01)
- D3: HOYLAERTS MARC F ET AL: 'Promotion of binding of von Willebrand factor to platelet glycoprotein Ib by dimers of ristocetin.' BIOCHEMICAL JOURNAL, vol. 306, no. 2, 1995, pages 453-463, XP000974675 ISSN: 0264-6021 cited in the application

## **SECTION V**

### **1. Novelty (Article 33(2) PCT)**

#### **1.1 The subject matter of claims 1-3,5,7-11,13,15-17, 20-22,24-27,30 is not novel.**

Claims 1-3,5,7-11,13,15,16,20-22,24-27 are anticipated by D3. D3 (abstract; page 454, second and fourth paragraph) describes the interaction between purified vWF and GPIb ("method of detecting von-Willebrand factor activity" or "complex" according to present claims 1, 2,5). GP1b was purified from platelets after solubilization ("soluble" according to present claim 24) over an anti-GP1b antibody ("anti-GPIb antibody" according to present claim 26) coated sepharose column. Purified GPIb ("glycoprotein Ib( $\alpha$ )" according to present claim 1) was coated on wells of microtiter plates ("solid support", "plastic", "microtiter plate", "heterogeneous" according to present claims 3,10,11,13,15) and they were incubated with purified vWF from plasma ("blood sample", diluted" according to present claims 20 to 22) and ristocetin ("ristocetin" according to present claims 1 and 25). GPIb associated vWF was revealed by horse radish peroxidase conjugated anti-vWF monoclonal antibodies ("anti-vWT antibody" according to present claims 7, 8,9,27) in an ELISA assay ("ELISA" according to present claim 16).

Claims 1, 17 and 30 are anticipated by D2. D2 (abstract; page 42, second paragraph) describes recombinant Gplb( $\alpha$ ) in an agglutination assay comprising a recombinant Gplb( $\alpha$ ) polypeptide ("GP1b( $\alpha$ ) is recombinantly produced" according to present claim 30) and vWF.

1.2 Claims 4,6,12,14,18,19,23, 28,29 are novel, since they are not disclosed in the prior art documents.

2. Inventive Step (Article 33(3) PCT).

2.1 Dependent claims 4, 6,12,14,18,19 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of claim 1 to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of inventive step, since these features can be considered as mere alternatives for the skilled person in the art, without that they add to claim 1 any unexpected effect whatsoever.

2.2 Claims 28 and 29, relating to a kit or the use thereof comprising the components (a) to (d), do not involve an inventive step, since it would be obvious for the skilled person to bring together in the form of a kit, the components needed to carry out a non-inventive method. A kit for a non-inventive method itself is thus not inventive.

2.3 Claim 23 would appear to involve an inventive step.

D3 (see section 1.1 above) is considered to be the closest prior art. Claim 23 differs from D3 in that it relates to a method for discrimination between von Willebrand disease typ I and II in that it determines the total amount of vWF antigen and the vWF activity in a test sample.

The technical problem to be solved would reside in further applications of the vWF activity assay to overcome problems known in the prior art accompanied with these assays (see pages 2 to 4 of the description).

The skilled person, equipped with the knowledge of D3, would not be motivated to arrive at the subject matter of claim 23, since it has not been suggested in D3 alone or in combination with any other prior art document, that discrimination

between vWF type I and vWF type II can be accomplished by steps (a) to (d) and moreover that means are thus provided for a more reproducible and more precise test with low inter and intra-assay variability (see page 5, second paragraph of the description).

3. The priority date of the present application, i.e. 05.07.1999, is validly claimed and therefore D1 does not form part of the state of the art.

#### **SECTION VII**

4. Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in D2 is not mentioned in the description, nor are these documents identified therein.

#### **SECTION VIII**

5. The passage "or a functional equivalent substance" renders the subject matter of claim 1 for which protection is sought unclear and contravenes Article 6 PCT.
6. The use of optionally features in the passage "optionally further comprising...." renders the subject matter that follows this passage non limiting for the scope of claim 29 and introduces ambiguity in said scope and so contravenes Article 6 PCT.

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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.



It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

**1. Basis of the report**

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.



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2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

**4. With regard to the title,**

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

**DETECTION OF VON-WILLEBRANDFACTOR (VWF) ACTIVITY**

**5. With regard to the abstract,**

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

**6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.**

as suggested by the applicant.



because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.



because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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None of the figures.

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